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Title

Method of Producing a High-Strength Component from Plastic,

and a High-Strength Component

Examiner :

Camie S. Thompson

Art Unit: 1774

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-7, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of Group II.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-7 is solicited. \overrightarrow{a}

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Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a 2 2 2003 period of one (1) month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

For Applicant

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